

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph on Page 1 of the Specification to read as follows:

--Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 198 45 876.2 filed October 6, 1998. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ 365 of PCT/EP99/07345 filed October 4, 1999. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--